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SUBJECT : IV GRANT FOR H.H. SHEIKH SULTAN SAQER MOHAMMED

AL-QASSEMI

SECSTATE FOR NEA/CU

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1. AMBASSADOR AND PAO HAVE DISCUSSED PROGRAM PLANS FOR VISIT OF HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH SULTAN SAQER MOHAMMED AL-QASSEMI, COMMANDER OF RAS AL-KHAIMAH MOBILE FORCES AND SECOND SON OF RULER OF EMIRATE OF RAS AL-KHAIMAH. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL AND \$50.00 VIP PER DIEM FOR THE THREE WEEK VISIT. HOWEVER, AS MENTIONED IN ABU DHABI 2056 EMBASSY BELIEVES VIP TREATMENT SHOULD BE HELD TO THE MINIMUM. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ESCORT-INTERPRETER FOR THE SHEIKH'S VISIT.

2. SHEIKH SULTAN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. JASEM MOHAMMED AHMAD DARWISH, RAS AL-KHAIMAH BUSINESSMAN AND TRUSTED FRIEND OF THE RULING FAMILY. EMBASSY REQUESTS APPROVAL FOR DARWISH TO BE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL HIS EXPENSES. HIS BIODATA IS MENTIONED BELOW.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS, IN VIEW OF SHEIKH SULTAN'S POSITION,
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THAT PROGRAMMING ARRANGEMENTS BE COORDINATED THROUGH

DEPARTMENT, UAEG AMBASSADOR GHUBAISH AND ESCORT-INTERPRETER OFFICER. AS SHEIKH SULTAN'S ENGLISH IS LIMITED TO A S3-R3 PROFICIENCY, HE DOES NOT WISH TO ENGAGE IN ANY ENGLISH LANGUAGE MEDIA INTERVIEW DURING US VISIT. HOWEVER, USIA MAY WISH TO HAVE A VOA ARABIC LANGUAGE INTERVIEW AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE SHEIKH.

4. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT AIRGRAM A-8585 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED:

A. BIOGRAPHIC DATA FOR PROGRAMMING

NAME: HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH SULTANSAQER

MOHAMMED AL-QASSEMI

TITLE: COMMANDER OF RAS AL-KHAIMAH MOBILE FORCES

PRESENT POSITION: SAME AS TITLE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: SHEIKH SULTAN IS THE SECOND SON OF THE RULER AND A CLOSE ADVISOR TO HIS FATHER, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, SMALL INDUSTRIES AND DEFENSE MATTERS OF THE EMIRATE. RAS AL-KHAIMAH, ALTHOUGH EXPECTANTLY EXPLORING FOR OIL, STILL HAS TO RELY ON AGRICULTURE AND SMALL INDUSTRIES. SHEIKH SULTAN HAS NO UNIVERSITY TRAINING; HOWEVER, HE IS QUICK AND BRIGHT AND A KEY ADVISOR TO HIS FATHER THE RULER.

PERSONAL DATA:

DATE OF BIRTH: 1947 PLACE OF BRITH: RAS AL-KHAIMAH

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: UAE

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED

SEX: MALE CHILDREN: ONE

ADDRESS: H.H. SHEIKH SULTAN SAQER MOHAMMED

AL-QASSEMI

THE ROYAL PALACE, P.O. BOX 1,

RAS AL-KHAIMAH, UAE

TELNO: RAS AL-KHAIMAH 530

EMERGENCY ADDRESS: SAME

EDUCATION: RAS AL-KHAIMAH PUBLIC SCHOOLS PREVIOUS TRAVEL

ABROAD: UNITED KINGDOM, WESTERN EUROPE AND MOST ARAB COUNTRIES.

B. PROGRAM INFORMATION

EMBASSY PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS ARE FOR BOTH GRANTEE AND MR. DARWISH. NO SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR THE LATTER IS REQUESTED. IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND PAO, SHEIKH SULTAN CONCURRED THAT FOCUS OF VISIT SHOULD BE ON AGRICULTURE AND SMALL INDUSTRIES, WITH MEETINGS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR ENABLING SHEIKH TO EXPLORE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIALS OF THE RAS AL-KHAIMAH EMIRATE. SHEIKH SULTAN WILL BE INTERESTED IN ATTRACTING FIRMS WITH CAPITAL AND INTEREST IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE AND SMALL INDUSTRIES FOR THE EMIRATE.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT SHEIKH SULTAN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH USAID OFFICIALS AS WELL AS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND OF AGRICULTURE. POSSIBLE CONTACTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTORE ARE TWO COMPANIES CURRENTLY WITH PROJECTS UNDER-AY IN RAS AL-KHAIMAH: MCDERMOTT, P.O. BOX 60035, NEW ORLEANS, LA., 70160, AND REDA PUMP CO., BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA. THE INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF REDA PUMP, MR. GEORGE SALEE, WOULD MAKE ARRANGMENTS FOR A BARTLESVILLE VISIT TO HIS COMPANY. AND WHILE IN OKLAHOMA, IN ADDITION TO MEETING REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS OIL COMPANIES IN TULSA, THE SHEI6 WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY IN STILLWATER.

ALSO, IN THE PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTOR, HE HAS EMPHASIZED HIS CONCERN WITH SMALL INDUSTRIES TIED-IN WITH CEMENT, THE RAS AL-KHAIMAH CEMENT FACTORY BEING THE EMIRATE SHOWPLACE TODAY. VISITS TO OTHER SMALL INDUSTRIES WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DEEMS PERTINENT TO THE STATE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE EMIRATE WOULD BE OF INTEREST.

SHEIKH SULTAN WANTS TO VISIT HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, SAUD, WHO IS STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. A SIDE-TRIP TO AUTO-MOBILE PLANTS IN DETROIT WOULD INTEREST HIM. WHILE IN WASHINGTON D.C., A TOUR OF THE CITY INCLUDING MOUNT VERNON AND THE ISLAMIC CENTER IS RECOMMENDED. IF POSSIBLE AN OVERNIGHT STAY IN WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA, WOULD BE APPRECIATED. SHEIKH SULTAN HAS EXPRESSLY REQUESTED HAVING LUNCH WITH USIA DIRECTOR, JAMES KEOGH, WHO WAS A GUEST OF THE RULER DURING HIS VISIT TO THE UAE IN 1974. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT THE CAPITAL, AND, IF FEASIBLE, TO HAVE LUNCH OR A MEETING WITH SENATOR ABOUREZK OR WITH FORMER SENATOR FULBRIGHT.

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FOR PLEASURE, SHEIKH SULTAN WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE GRAND CANYON, HOOVER DAM, LAS VEGAS, AND, IF TIME PERMITS, SAN FRANCISCO. IN THE SOUTH HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT DISNEY WORLD AND CAPE CANAVERAL. SHEIKH SULTAN'S, ACCOMPANIED BY MR. DARWISH, US ARRIVAL SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

MARCH 21: DEPART DUBAI FOR LONDON ON BA 811
AT 10.20
ARRIVE LONDON 16.10

MARCH 22: DEPART LONDON FOR WASHINGTON (DULLES)
ON PA 107 AT 11.50
ARRIVE DULLES 14.10

BIOGRAPHIC DATA FOR MR. JASEM MOHAMMED AHMAD

DARWISH

PRESENT POSITION: BUSINESSMAN (PHARMACY) AND DIRECTOR OF ABU DHABI

NATIONAL BANK'S RAS AL-KHAIMAH BRANCH MEMBER OR OF RAS

AL-KHAIMAH CHAMBER OF COMMRCE

DATE OF BIRTH: 1942

PLACE OF BIRTH: RAS AL-KHAIMAH, UAE

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: UAE

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED

SEX: MALE CHILDREN: 6

ADDRESS: ROKAL PALACE, P.O. BOX 1, RAS AL-KHAIMAH, UAE

EMERGENCY ADDRESS: SAME

KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: S2-R2

PREVIOUS TRAVEL ABROAD: EUROPE, UNITED KINGDOM AND MOST
ARAB COUNTRIES.

5. PLEASE SUBMIT FISCAL DATA SOONEST FOR SHEIKH SULTAN.
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